1	2	3	4
5.	Bareilly	75	1
6.	Badaun	45	1
7.	Bijnore	68	1
8.	Buland Shahar	47	0
9.	Etah	42	1
10.	Ghaziabad	63	1
11.	Meerut	38	1
12.	Baghpat	22	1
13.	Mathura	57	1
14.	Muradabad	48	1
15.	J.P. Nagar	32	0
16.	Muzzaffarnagar	67	1
17.	G.B. Nagar	28	0
18.	Pilibhit	35	0
19.	Rampur	32	1
20.	Sharanpur	42	1
	TOTAL	898	15

Development of branded products services in IT Sector

5270. SHRI RUMANDALA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Advisroy Committee on Information Technology has drawn up a strategy for the Indian software industry to develop branded products and services as well as specialise in consultancy;

(b) if so, what were the other major decisions taken in the meeting held in the month of May, 2001; and

(c) to what extent a final stragegy in this regard has been agreed upon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Advisory Committee deliberated upon various critical

issues for advancement of IT and the major recommendations made by them included the following:

* India should endeavor to be the first preference for outsourcing software development by the companies abroad.

* To attract best and finest talent to the IT sector, policy initiatives are to be introduced to attracts private investment in the area of education and setting up of private Universities should be expedited.

* Attract foreign nationals to India for higher and contemporary studies and to use bilateral trade channels to enter into Mutual Recognition Agreements with countries which do not recognize Indian Universities.

* To review various policies and procedures keeping in mind operational requirements.

* Government of India to focus on the adoption of Information Technology throughout the country in all areas and applications with a view to provide maximum convenience to the public.

* To focus on development of PCs in local languages.

*. To attract industry participation in the stake of Rs. 5000 crores for Media Lab Asia.

* To initiate steps for major development of the hardware sector to make it globally competitive.

Investment by France Telecom

5271. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether France Telecom is keen on increasing investment in India especially in the cellurar telephone sector;

(b) if so, whether according to the spokesman of France Telecom, there is huge scope for growth in cellular telephone in India;

(c) if so, whether any agreement with France Telecom investment in telecom India has been signed;